

## “How to Operate the Shower Curtain” Questions for Critical Reading

*Review these questions. Take time to create your responses.*

1. What is the tone of the essay? How can you tell
2. Throughout the story, Frazier will leave out the article “the.” What is the effect?
3. The essay begins with “Dear reader.” Who is the intended audience? Why do you think so?
4. Periodically the author includes a run-on sentence. If run-ons are improper grammar, why does the author include one?
5. What other title would be appropriate for the content and tone of the essay?
6. Pretend that you are a guest in a hotel and you read the author’s instructions. What would your reaction be to the directions?
7. Where should the directions be posted in the hotel room?
8. This is a process analysis essay. If the author were to number his steps, how many steps would there be?
9. What is the purpose of mentioning the endless bottles on the edge of the tub?
10. Should a “sister essay” be written that was titled “How to Operate the Bath Tub” by this author?